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*H.B. No. 5467 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON PASS PROGRAM.

The PASS program and initiative are necessary for PK-12 students to succeed. As a college student who still needs activity and variation to learn and focus, this will help every student regardless of learning style. With a majority of students learning best through the bodily kinesthetic intelligence, PASS allows those students to get that extra physical activity to help them learn core subjects and that is required by law. Physical education and recess are great opportunities to be active, but the classroom teachers have the opportunity to go above and beyond to add more physical activity. Those teachers, schools and districts who are dedicated to the fullest extent for their students' health should be recognized and rewarded for doing so because in the long run, PASS could be an important factor in reducing obesity, behavioral management and attention deficit.